

In observance of the upcoming holidays,
all offices will be closed on:

Good Friday
Friday, March 30th
(Closing at Noon)

Memorial Day
Monday, May 28th

Independence Day
Wednesday, July 4th

Congratulations to the winners of the Quarterly Stars & Stripes Drawing!



Justin Loup of Vacherie
Altora Lewis of St. James
Etta Amedee of Vacherie



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Please return by April 30, 2018 to be eligible for this drawing.
Winners will be announced in the next quarterly publication of Stars and Stripes.



March 2018

On Deck *with Jim Henderson*

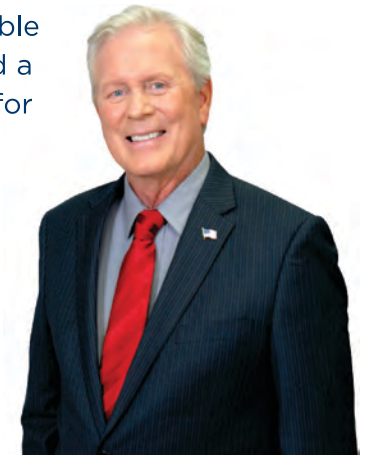
This too must pass. And now it has.

After 33 years in the Saints broadcast booth and after 39 years on New Orleans television, I recently retired.

The reasons are good ones in and of themselves. Collectively they present an overwhelming case for doing so.

I am 71 years old and in good health. Young enough and healthy enough to do--with limitations--anything I enjoy doing. And now one of those limitations--time--is no longer a factor. I have spent football weekends for six months out of the year and over 40 years doing a job I have been thankful to do. Now it's time to see what I've missed while knowing I will miss what I've done a lot.

I gave serious thought to retiring after last season but I knew I wasn't ready to quit, particularly with the memory of another 7 and 9 season still fresh. I was rewarded with one of the most enjoyable seasons in Saints history. When I've had a good day fishing, I always like to stop for the day on a fish. To make the last memory a good one. Thanks to Stephon Diggs' 61 yard touchdown on the last play I called as the Voice of the Saints, I didn't end with a lunker, but it was definitely a keeper.



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I recently saw an interview with Al Michaels...73 years old and the preeminent play-by-play announcer of my generation. Of his own timetable for retirement, he said, "When you start thinking a lot about retirement, you already have." And I have.

He also said, "Don't stay so long that you become jaded." I was fast approaching the time when a Saints charter was just another flight. That the excitement of the team hotel was just another room on the road. Restaurants--no matter how good--were just another meal. The games--particularly those that caused me to work Christmas Eve and Christmas Day...New Year's Eve and New Year's Day...became family sacrifices I was ever more reluctant to make.

Not a lot of people get a chance to leave my profession on their terms and it was always important to me to do so. Now I have with no regrets.

It was never "a job." It was always "a privilege." That's the memory I want. And that's the memory I have for however much time I have left to savor it.

God Bless,
Jim Henderson

- Attention Online Banking and First Line Users -

On Friday, May 4th at 2:00 p.m. until Monday, May 7th at 7:00 a.m. Online Banking, Mobile Banking and First Line will be unavailable due to a System Upgrade. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.



Photo (left to right): Billy, Abby, Will, Keith, Brian, Rodney and Robbie

Each year an employee is awarded the J. B. Falgoust Banking Award. This award goes to an employee who has exceptional work ethic and portrays the First American Bank spirit that Mr. J. B. Falgoust created during his banking career of 63 years.

The recipient of the J.B. Falgoust Banking Award for 2017 is **Wilbert Kinler, Jr.**

Top Lending Awards were presented to the following loan officers:

1. Brian J. Nizzo (Top Loan Producer 2017)
2. Robbie P. LeBlanc
3. Abby Ellender
4. William R. Schmidt
5. Keith G. Falgoust
6. Rodney M. Logarbo

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